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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Please amend this application as follows:

In The Specification

At page 2, line 1, insert the following paragraph:

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9-19 and 29-41 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1/-8, 20-2/2, and 24/28 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for programmably manipulating a plurality of packets, said apparatus comprising:

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